



**THE NESG ECONOMIC & POLICY REVIEW JOURNAL
EDITORIAL POLICY**

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1.0 ABOUT THE JOURNAL

The NESG Economic and Policy Review (EPR) is a quarterly publication of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), established to serve as an avenue for constructive analysis of economic policies and their impacts on different aspects of the business and economic environment.

The EPR aims to provide unbiased, non-partisan views, opinions and analyses on the Nigerian economy and a source of socio-economic indices for business leaders, policy makers and other stakeholders. Therefore, the thrust of the EPR is to provide readers with ideas that help them become smarter, more creative, and more informed about the business and economic environment in which they operate and work. EPR enlists experts in public policy, business, economic theory and practice to express their thoughts and views in the most influential way possible on economic policy and direction of government and the Nigerian economy in the short, medium and long terms.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE EPR

The following are the objectives of the EPR:

- Provide authoritative insights and opinions on the Nigerian economy.
- Provide innovative solutions to key challenges facing the Nigerian economy.
- Shape readers' knowledge by providing in-depth analyses on trending national, international business and economic developments.
- Serve as a platform for professionals, academics, private sector experts, policymakers, researchers and leaders of thoughts to impart and exchange knowledge.
- Provide highlights of current economic indicators.

3.0 CONTENT OF EPR

The following highlights the sections that will be contained in the EPR:

- Editorial section from the Editor-in-Chief
- Quarterly Review/ Outlook for the economy
 - Economic Condition Snapshot – highlights outlook for both domestic and global business conditions and risks
 - Highlights of key socio-economic indicators
 - Leading, coincidental and lagging indicators
- Articles and Reviews
 - Articles submitted for publication
 - Reviews: books and articles
 - Debate session (where necessary) – showcase at least two different perspectives on a trending issue
- Letters- highlight response to specific articles

4.0 FORMAT FOR THE EPR

- The size of the journal will be magazine size: width - 8.00" length - 10.5".
- The publication will be registered as a journal (not as a book) and the publishers shall be Research and Publications Department of the NESG with its address.
- The cover shall be printed on laminated 135 gsm quality art paper while the inside pages will be 90 gsm art paper.
- The cover design shall be simple, with the Group's name/logo.
- The pagination should not normally exceed 100 pages unless approved by the editorial board.
- Advert slots may not normally be more than 8 pages in a publication. Adverts must be knowledge-based i.e. events that support knowledge development should be highly considered/prioritized.
- Typographical layout must be presented in an attractive but disciplined, consistent and non-sensationalist format.
- The graphics and content design of the journal must be of high quality with high-resolution images.
- The journal must be void of "heavy text" to avoid reading fatigue.
- The print edition must be of impeccable quality and must conform to world class standard.
- Electronic version of the EPR must conform to web and electronic journal standard.

5.0 GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

- Manuscripts must be insightful, persuasive, original, and constructive with evidence-based analysis
- Manuscripts must be relevant and cover current and future economic issues facing the country
- Ideas must be clearly communicated in a style that business owners, managers and policy makers can understand
- Manuscript must take the following structure: **Abstract; Introduction; Body; Policy Recommendation and Conclusion**
- Manuscripts should range from 1,700 to 2,500 words with font size 11, double-spaced in Times New Roman font
- Manuscripts should be appropriately referenced using the American Psychological Association (APA) style
- Electronic copy of the manuscripts should be submitted to the NESG designated email address on or before the submission deadline
- Manuscripts published elsewhere or those under consideration will not be accepted.

- All manuscripts should be sent to research@nesgroup.org
- All views expressed in submitted manuscripts are those of the author and do not reflect the views of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG).

The EPR editorial board will assess all submitted write-ups and determine those that qualify for publication based on the above-listed guidelines:

6.0 CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION

- Print run of the journal would be 1,000. Production/circulation figure will increase progressively.
- There shall be a well-compiled mailing list, which will be updated regularly.
- Institutional members of the NESG would receive a copy of the journal for free.
- The journal would be sold to non-members of the NESG at a price determined by the editorial board or NESG Secretariat.
- Distribution channels will include the following:
 - Research institutions
 - Public information bureau
 - Legislature
 - NESG members
 - University libraries
 - Diplomatic corps
 - National institutions
 - Top government functionaries,
 - International bodies
 - Senior executives in the private sector.

7.0 FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION

- The journal would be published quarterly (March, June, September and December). Cover date will be three months ahead of the publishing/release date.

8.0 GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE EPR

8.1 *Role of the Advisory Board*

- Provide guidance to the Editor-in-Chief on issues regarding the scope and direction of the journal
- Help to identify new opportunities in emerging areas
- Network within his/her/ own community to create awareness of the journal
- Serve the role of appeal board in controversial cases
- Members will be encouraged to contribute articles
- Provide “wise counsel” on issues raised by directors or management

- Provide unbiased insights and ideas from a third point-of-view (not involved in the operation of the journal)
- Challenge the Editor-in Chief and management that could improve the journal.
- The term of service of the advisory board members is 3 years with the option to be reappointed for an additional 3 year term.

8.2 *Role of the Editorial Board*

- Review the editorial policy
- Determine timelines with respect to request for manuscripts, review of manuscripts and publication of the journal and ensure compliance.
- Peer review. A key part of the process is to select which articles to publish and use expert advice to improve articles for publications, where appropriate.
- Accept/reject decisions. The decision to accept or reject an article will largely be based on the recommendation of the editorial board.
- Reviewer selection. The editor will assign a paper to a specific member of the editorial team who is an expert in that field, and that person will then assign reviewers and be responsible for assessing the reviewers' comments.
- Appeals. If an author complains about a decision, the editor may want to consult with another member of the editorial team to get a second opinion.
- The term of service is 3 years with the option to be reappointed for an additional 3-year term.

8.3 *Editorial Process*

- Ahead of a particular edition of the journal, NESG secretariat will release "Call for Papers" after obtaining approval from the editorial board.
- NESG secretariat reviews received manuscripts in line with the "Guidelines for Authors"- Section 5 of this policy.
- Electronic copies of manuscripts that comply with the guidelines would be sent to members of the editorial board.
- The editorial board reviews manuscripts and sends approved copies to the secretariat.
- Where the editorial team restructures an article, the NESG secretariat would send such article to the author to obtain his/her consent for publication.
- The secretariat would work with the graphic designer to ensure quality output.

- A final draft is sent to the editorial board for approval.
- After approval, the e-copy would be sent to the printer.
- Final copies are then disseminated in line with section 6 of this policy.